U. H. J. under your Lordships Authority left us nothing to wish for, but Black Book your Lordships presence amongst us, which might Animate our No. 3 Endeavours for the good of the Province, and save us from the No. 105 Impending Ruine of a Sinking Trade

Through a Tender and Generous care for the Prosperity of Maryland your Lordship not only Honours your Province by being in it, but assures us by your Gracious Speech, that the Purpose of your Voyage was to promote the Welfare of it, A Purpose Worthy of a Lord Proprietary of Maryland! and ariseing peculiarly from the well known kind Disposition of your Lordship for the Happiness of Mankind, This is the more Conspicuous by your Lordships Humane Recommendation of Considering the Ill State of the Goals; Thus your Lordship justly Secures to your selfe the Prayers and good Wishes of the Poor and Distressed, on the one hand, And the Applause of the more happy and Fortunate on the other

Nor does your Lordships Vigilant regard towards your Faithfull Tenants Stop here; But at the Same time that your Lordship Manifests your Noble Intentions for our Happiness within, you Ingage us to Provide for our Security against any Attempts from without, by such motives as must Necessarily Command our utmost application to regulate our Militia; for nothing Could more forcibly prevaile with us in this Particular, Than our Inviolable Duty to the best of Kings, And our firm Attachment to the most Deserving Proprietary, under whom our Property is so Effectually preserved; By a proper Regulation of the Militia, We shall be the better able to Defend His Majesties Empire over this Province, The Continuance of which We have the Greatest reason to Contend for, and your Lordships Government thereof, Which is so Dear to all Well Wishers of Maryland.

Subscribed by all the Members present Adjourned till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock

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No. 106

Thursday 15th March 1732

This House met again according to Adjournment Present as Yesterday with the Addition of John Rousby Esq<sup>r</sup> A Message from the Lower House by M<sup>r</sup> Beale and M<sup>r</sup> Warfield

By the Lower House of Assembly March 15<sup>th</sup> 1732

No. 3 May it please Your Honours

This House hath determined to take into their Consideration the Regulation of the Several Officers fees within this Province, and in Order to the Preparation of a Bill for that purpose, propose a Conference with your House

Signed p Order M Macnemara Ct. Lo. Ho.